

12 March 1969

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Reaction of Senator John Stennis to Senator Ervin's  
Letters to the Director Re S. 782**

1. This afternoon I showed Chairman John Stennis, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, copies of letters from Senator Sam Ervin, dated 4 and 5 March 1969, to the Director responding to the Director's request to appear before the Ervin Subcommittee in executive session regarding S. 782. Senator Stennis expressed surprise and concern at the sharp tone of Senator Ervin's responses, particularly as conveyed in the 5 March letter. Senator Stennis said that Senator Bayh had recently mentioned the problem to him and that he thought we should promptly make Senator Russell aware of the problem. He added also that he might mention the matter to Senator Russell himself.

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